

The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library> and clicking on "News & Events."

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Library Discussion Focuses on the Complexity of California Through Stories by California Writers

The Library and the California Council for the Humanities are sponsoring "California Uncovered: Stories for the 21st Century" – an anthology of stories by California writers. The first discussion takes place on Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, located at 820 E St.

Participants will read and discuss the dynamic state of California in the words of established writers John Steinbeck, Maxine Hong Kingston, Joan Didion and other compelling new voices that reveal California in all its complexity.

A statewide program, "California Uncovered" is designed to inspire people to read and discuss these stories, as well as to tell and listen to stories that get at the reality beneath the headlines, statistics and stereotypes about the state and its people. The discussions will be moderated by Wanjiru Kemoli, Ph.D.

Participants can obtain a copy of the anthology by calling the Information Desk at 619-236-5800.

For further information visit the program Web site at www.californiastories.org or visit the Library on the City's Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.



ONE-MAN PLAY – Labor leader Harry Bridges (center) will be portrayed in a one-man play at the Central Library on April 2. See story on page 3. *Photo courtesy ILWU.*

Celebrate National Library Week, April 10-16

April 10-16 is National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers to their communities. As part of this annual event, the San Diego Public Library will be hosting a variety of great programs and events. National Library Week 2005 marks the fifth year of The Campaign for America's Libraries, a public education campaign to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. For details, check the Calendar of Events on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Searching Government Databases, Documents

A computer training course on searching government documents and databases will be held April 30 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St. Gary Klockenga, of the library's Science Section, will show participants how to navigate databases like GPO Access, Government Documents Catalog and the Congressional Universe, and discover that documents don't have to be intimidating. The class will be limited to 15 participants and reservations are required. For information and reservations, call the Central Library's Computer Lab at 619-236-6621.

Free Poetry Writing Workshop at Central Library

As part of its continuing support for local writers and in recognition of National Poetry Month, the Library will present a poetry writing workshop at the Central Library. Held April 30 from 2 to 4 p.m., the workshop will be taught by Susan Luzzaro, who teaches English at Southwestern College. The workshop is limited to 15 participants, who should bring 15 copies of one of their poems. Ms. Luzzaro and other class participants will provide critiques of the work. This event is supported by Poets and Writers Inc. through a grant from the James Irvine Foundation. Funding for the program was provided by the California Center for the Book. The program will be held in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library, 820 E St. To register for the program, contact Pamela Sanderson at 619-236-5847.

Winter/Spring Concert Series Concludes April 10

The Library's free Winter/Spring Concert Series will conclude with a musical program featuring Marylou Rector, soprano; Janet Mathews, viola; and Ilana Mysior, piano. They will perform works by Mozart, Brahms, Debussy, Donizetti, Barber and Uhl. The free program will be held April 10 at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St. For information, call 619-236-5800.



Free Tax Help at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library

Free assistance preparing your taxes by Library volunteers expert in the field, will be held every Wednesday through April 13 at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch, 5148 Market St. Bring your last year's tax forms, your 2004 W-2 forms, and other pertinent documents. To register, call 619-527-3405.

Photograph Exhibit Concludes April 3

"Dark Mirror Revisited," an exhibition of 42 black and white photographs by La Jolla photographer Lisa Kanemoto, is being showcased at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library through April 3. The library is located at 4275 Cass St., San Diego, 858-581-1539.

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For a list of films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Point Loma/Hervey Branch Completes Portuguese Collection

Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library has finished assembling its "Portuguese Collection," an assemblage of more than 700 library items portraying the history and culture of Portugal and its peoples. The collection features 626 items in the Portuguese language and 78 items in the English language or a combination of the two languages. Most of the collection consists of adult material, both fiction and a wide variety of nonfiction subjects. The collection includes a small assortment of juvenile books and videos.

Point Loma has historically been the home of the Portuguese community in San Diego. This collection was made possible by substantial donations of material from the government of Portugal and from the local Portuguese Historical Center. The collection is housed together in a segregated area labeled "Portuguese Collection" at the northwest end of the upstairs floor, and all items in the collection are available to the public for borrowing. Select the book image to see a sample item from the collection. The Point Loma/Hervey Branch is located at 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call 619-531-1539.

Preview Lectures for Opera Productions to be Presented at Central Library and Scripps Ranch

Preview lectures about the San Diego Opera's production of Samuel Barber's "**Vanessa**" will be held at libraries in April. The presentations can help you prepare for the production and integrate both background and plot synopses of the repertoire. Myron Fink will lecture on April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158. Dr. Ron Shaheen will lecture on April 12 at 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5800. In addition, a preview lecture about San Diego Opera's production of Giacomo Puccini's "**La Boheme**" will be conducted by Fink at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch on April 25 at 7 p.m.



Library to Host Free Health Fair in Point Loma on April 7

"Beyond the Prescription Label" Seminars to be Held at Three Libraries in April

The Library will host a free health fair for the public on April 7 at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library. The event will include a seminar about prescription medication, free health screenings, and health and medical information. The program will be held from 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Health Screenings

The Walgreens Wellness Tour, a customized traveling education and health-screening vehicle, is on a 45-city, 12-month nationwide health screening tour. The vehicle features free health screenings for the public. The tour aims to bring free screening services and better health awareness to local communities throughout the United States. Each visitor is invited to take all five screenings, which are worth more than \$100 in value. All screenings will take place inside the customized vehicle and include cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, bone density and body mass index.

Prescription Medication Seminar

"Beyond the Prescription Label: Understanding Your Medications" is a free medical seminar that will begin at 2 p.m. The free seminar is part of the Be Well Informed @ your library campaign, presented by Walgreens and the American Library Association. The San Diego Public Library is one of 10 library systems in the country participat-



ing in the program. The success of your prescribed medication requires more than just following the directions on the label. This seminar will inform you about interactions between your prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications, how your medication can react with certain foods, drug side effects, and questions you should ask your pharmacist. Whether you're taking one medication or several, this seminar will provide you with important information. In addition, the seminar will be held at two other libraries in April:

- Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m.: **Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch**, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405
- Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.: **Mira Mesa Branch**, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165

Health and Medical Information

Brochures and literature about health and medical issues will be available to the public. Also, sample products will be distributed. The Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library is located at 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call 619-531-1539 or visit the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Labor Leader Harry Bridges to be Portrayed in One-Man Play

In conjunction with the Library's "California Labor History" exhibition, actor Ian Ruskin will perform the one-man play "From Wharf Rats to Lord of the Docks" in the



Actor Ian Ruskin as labor leader Harry Bridges

third floor auditorium. The program will be held April 2 at 1 p.m. Written by Ruskin, the play follows the true story of labor leader Harry Bridges, who founded the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. A question and answer session will follow. The event is free. Ruskin, founder of the Harry Bridges Project, is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London and

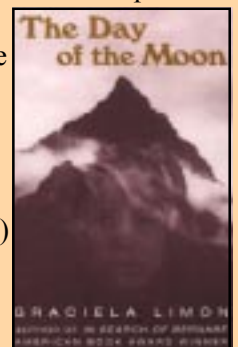
has worked extensively in theater, television and film. The "California's Labor History" panel exhibition (through April 11) combines reproductions of artwork, historic photographs and text that explore 11 crucial events in the state's labor history. The exhibit will be displayed in the Second Floor Corridor Gallery at the Central Library. Admission is free.

"Historias!" Bilingual Book Series to Discuss "Dia de la Luna"

As part of the Library's "Historias!" bilingual book series, "Dia de la Luna/Day of the Moon" by Graciela Limon will be discussed on April 18 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Linda Vista Branch, 2160 Ulric St. The novel tells a story of forbidden loves and spans the 20th century, the Southwest from Mexico to Los Angeles, skin colors, the sexes, religious boundaries, life and death, and four generations of a family named Betancourt.

The event is part of a four-book series of bilingual (Spanish and English) discussions, "Historias! – Mexican/Mexican American Literature," that examines the Mexican-American experience through the prism of contemporary Latino literature.

The discussions are facilitated by Marta Gonzales, a Ph.D candidate in the Literature Department at UCSD. "Historias!" is a partnership between the San Diego Public Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego's San Diego Latino Film Festival. For information or to sign up, call 858-573-1398.



Mystery Author Jeff Sherratt to Discuss His Book “One, Two and Even” at Central Library

The Central Library will host a book discussion with mystery author Jeff Sherratt on Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Sherratt, a former businessman who once tried his hand as a political consultant in a public relations firm, has crafted a series of suspenseful books, featuring Jimmy O’Brien – an ex-cop and amateur defense attorney. Like his earlier titles, Sherratt’s latest offering, “One, Two and Even,” draws on his experience in the world of politics to create a setting awash in mystery and intrigue.

Sherratt’s latest book finds O’Brien – who seems to forever be in hot water with the local political machine – knee deep in trouble after a prostitute’s husband is shot in the head. Complicating matters is another client, who has died in police custody. Officials say it’s a suicide but O’Brien isn’t so sure.



Jeff Sherratt



Born in Los Angeles, Sherratt had completed a successful business career when his daughter dared him to begin writing mystery novels. She was tired of hearing him complain that the mysteries he was reading weren’t up to snuff. As a result, Sherratt created Jimmy O’Brien, an ex-cop and defense attorney who always seems to be knee-deep in trouble. The first book in the series was “Six to Five Against.”

The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. For more information, call 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Carnegie Society Members Inducted at Tea Event

Individuals planning to leave an estate gift to the Library will be inducted into The Carnegie Society at a tea on April 12 at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library. If you are interested in attending or learning more about leaving a legacy gift, please contact Margot Howard at 619-238-6615 or by email at mmhoward@sandiego.gov.

Films, Video, Discussion to Provide Unique Perspective About Urban Land Use in Downtown San Diego

The Library and the Media Arts Center San Diego’s Teen Producers will present a unique perspective about urban land use entitled “In the Shadow of Petco Park” on Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m. The program will be comprised of film screenings, including a documentary by San Diego teens; a discussion with folklorist Anton Minard, who helped collect stories about downtown from residents and businessman; and video clips from a few of the stories. This event is free and open to the public.

Facilitating the discussion will be Kelly Mayhew, Ph.D, and Jim Miller, Ph.D, associate professors of English at San Diego City College and co-authors along with Mike Davis of “Under the Perfect Sun: The San Diego Tourists Never See.”

San Diego’s bustling downtown has been called a perfect example of a changing cityscape, harboring both good and bad scenes that are being replicated more and more frequently in cities worldwide. With much of the mainstream media’s continual emphasis on the positive side of urban renewal, “In the Shadow of Petco Park” was designed with the intention of revealing some of the seldom reported human effects of redevelopment.

The program includes the screenings of “Chavez Ravine: A Los Angeles Story,” telling the story of the poor community that vanishes to make way for Dodger Stadium, and “Donde Yo Vivi,” a short video documentary by local youth, that looks at a mother and daughter who organize to keep their Sherman Heights community together after being evicted from their long time home. A discussion addressing the local impacts of redevelopment will follow.

The program will be held at the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City’s Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

“In the Shadow of Petco Park” is made possible in part by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities as part of its statewide California Stories Initiative. The Council is an independent nonprofit organization and a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Documentary Film Focuses on Rise and Decline of Suburbia

The Library, in cooperation with the California Council for the Humanities, will host a film screening of "The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream" on Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m.

Since World War II, North Americans have invested much of their new-found wealth in suburbia. It has promised a sense of space, affordability, family life and upward mobility. As the population of suburban sprawl has exploded in the past 50 years, so too the suburban way of life has become embedded in the American consciousness. Suburbia, and all it promises, has become the American Dream.

But as we enter the 21st century, serious questions are beginning to emerge about the sustainability of this way of life. Americans who live in suburbs typically drive 50 to 100 miles round trip each day to get to work, to shop and to play. Americans use a highly disproportionate amount of the world's resources. The United States contains just 4 percent of the world's population, but gobbles up 25 percent of its oil. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that such massive use of non-renewable resources is just not sustainable.

With brutal honesty and a touch of irony, "The End of Suburbia" presents a startling portrait of a world where oil and natural gas production is decreasing, prices are increasing and where, without affordable petroleum, the suburbs are doomed to become "the slums of the future."

Eric Watkins, writer for *Gas and Oil Journal*, will facilitate an discussion after the presentation.

In conjunction with the film screening, students from San Diego High School of International Studies will showcase their oral history project – part of the California Council for the Humanities' "California Stories Uncovered" campaign.

The program will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is free to the public. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

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Learn About the 9-1-1 Emergency Process

Members of San Diego Medical Services Enterprise staff will discuss the 9-1-1 emergency process on April 13, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library. They will cover such things as how patient routing is decided, why they ask the questions they do, what you need to know when you call.

Following the presentation there will be a question and answer session after which you are invited to go downstairs where an ambulance or unit will be open for your inspection.

The City of San Diego's 9-1-1 medical system, San Diego Medical Services Enterprise, is an innovative partnership between the City's Fire-Rescue Department and Rural/Metro of San Diego Inc. Registration is required for this program. Please call the library at 619-531-1539 to register. The Point Loma/Hervey Branch is located at 3701 Voltaire St.



Small Business Assistance Available at Libraries

The Library is hosting counseling sessions with SCORE to discuss various business challenges first-time and seasoned small business owners face in a competitive business world. Topics may include business plans, business start-up, finances, marketing, business expansion, etc. Participants will meet one-on-one with a SCORE executive. The workshops are held every other Wednesday through June 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. To register or for more information, contact the Library's Business Resources and Technology Link at 619-238-6630 or businesslink@sandiego.gov. The sessions take place at the Central Library, 820 E St.

ABCs of Starting, Growing, and Financing Your Small Business is a free seminar from the San Diego Small Business Development and International Trade Center. Event is co-sponsored by the center, the City of San Diego's Office of Small Business, and the Library's Business Resources & Technology Link program. The seminar is targeted to starting and existing businesses. Call the Office of Small Business at 619-533-4256 to sign up. The seminar will be held April 28 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

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